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Senator Jim Shockley,  
Chairman, Montana State Administration Committee

Dear Senator Shockley:

My name is Marc Aronson and I am the President of the United States Notary Association (USNA)

I am writing to express USNA's support for Senate Bill 299. Specifically, I would like to offer comments on two sections of the bill.

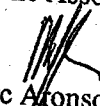
In 1962, our parent company, the Pennsylvania Association of Notaries, provided the first private sector notary public education program in the United States. We are very encouraged to see that Senate Bill 299 would mandate training and education for Montana's notaries public.

We also note that Senate Bill 299 would mandate that notaries public maintain an official journal of all notarial acts. Based on our 54 years of experience in working with notaries public, this is an excellent idea that can be used to relieve a notary from personal liability in a case where his or her negligence is alleged as the cause of a loss.

As to the rest of the legislation, we feel that it will be strongly beneficial for Montana's notaries public. Simply put, Senate Bill 299 would be great for Montana, for the state's notaries and for the public which notaries are appointed to serve.

With this in mind, we look forward to Senate Bill 299 moving out of committee and onto the floor of the House and Senate for swift passage.

For the Association,

  
Marc Aronson  
President

cc: Senator Joe Tropila  
Sponsor: Senate Bill 299

The Hon. Linda McCulloch  
Secretary of State